
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 23, 1865.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

AN ACT

Relating to the enrolment and license of certain vessels.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That whenever it shall become necessary for the owner or
4 owners of any vessel of the United States navigating the
5 western rivers and the waters on the northern, northeastern,
6 and northwestern frontiers of the United States, otherwise
7 than by sea, and being in a district other than that to which
8 such vessel shall belong, to procure her enrolment and license,
9 or license, or renewal thereof, the same proceedings may be
10 had in the district in which said vessel then shall be as are
11 now, or shall then be required by law, on application for
12 such enrolment and license, or license, or renewal thereof, as
13 the case may be, in the district to which such vessel may
14 belong, excepting the giving of bond and the enrolment and
15 issuance of license; and the officer before whom such pro-
16 ceedings shall be had shall certify the same to the collector

17 of the district to which such vessel shall belong, who shall
18 thereupon, on the said owner or owners giving bond as re-
19 quired in other cases, duly enroll the said vessel and issue
20 license in the same form as if the application had originally
21 been made in his office; and either deliver the said license
22 to said owner or owners, or forward it by mail to the officer
23 who certified to him the preliminary proceedings, and who
24 shall, in such case, deliver the said license to the owner or
25 owners or master of the vessel: *Provided*, That this act shall
26 not be construed so as in any respect to change existing
27 laws, excepting in so far as it enable such owner or owners
28 to procure enrolment or license, or renewal thereof, without
29 returning their vessels to their home ports or districts.

Passed the House of Representatives February 23, 1865.

Attest:

EDWARD McPHERSON, *Clerk*